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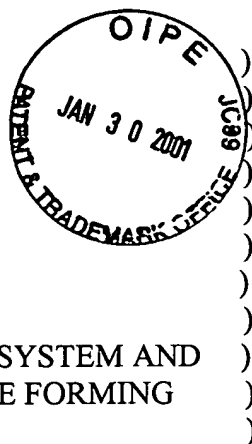
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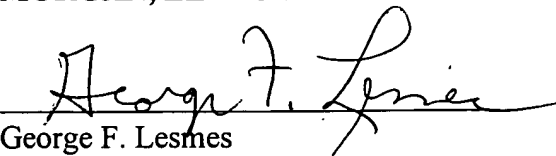
CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, Applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing date of **Japanese** Patent Application No. 2000-006395 filed January 14, 2000 for the above-identified United States Patent Application.

In support of Applicants claim for priority, filed herewith is a certified copy of the Japanese application.

Respectfully submitted,

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